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**Government:** Assistant County Prosecutor, Office of the Prosecutor, County of Montgomery, Ohio (1981-1988)

**Judicial:** Referee, Montgomery County Common Pleas Court (1988-1992)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Bieser, Greer & Landis LLP (1992-1994); Law Partner, Greger & Ovington (1995-2003)

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Chief Bankruptcy Judge

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Bankruptcy Judge

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Education: Bowdoin 1982 AB; Ohio State 1985 JD  
Began Service: 1996  
Term Expires: March 1, 2024

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Cincinnati

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Alan E. Norris, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (1985-1987)

**Corporate:** Law Department, The Timken Company (1985)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of Ohio, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, George H.W. Bush Administration (1990-1996)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. (1987-1990)

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**John E. Hoffman, Jr.**  
Bankruptcy Judge

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Term Expires: February 24, 2014

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